



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 5 – House Fire – 1700 Block of South Bristol Avenue**

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Dispatch Time - 1842

On-Scene Time – 1847

Fire Under Control – 1911

There were multiple calls to 9-1-1 reporting this fire. Some men playing basketball across the street saw the fire and also called 9-1-1. They knocked on the doors of all 4 homes to alert people inside. Four people, from three separate units, evacuated safely without injury. The third unit was unoccupied and nobody was inside.

Eight fire units and 24 firefighters arrived on scene, searched for possible victims and extinguished this rapidly-spreading fire in just 24 minutes. Windy conditions contributed greatly to the rate at which this fire spread. No injuries occurred thanks to the quick actions of the basketball players across the street.

One unit was completely destroyed. The 69-year-old woman that lived there lost everything and will be moving in with family members.

The adjacent unit had smoke damage. Utilities were disconnected after wiring was damaged from the fire. The landlord will provide another home for him to live in until repairs are completed.

Red Cross is assisting two people from two separate units with food, clothing, and medications.

Damage estimate - \$100,000

Cause – Under Investigation

Safety Message: The important thing to remember is to call 9-1-1 immediately to report any fire. Do what you can to alert people that are inside the building without putting yourself at risk of becoming a victim.